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SUBJ: PSD NATIONAL CONGRESS: NO SURPRISES

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1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL, FRANCISCO SA CARNEIRO WAS ELECTED PSD PRESIDENT AT THE PARTY'S EXTRAORDINARY NATIONAL CONGRESS JULY 1-2. SA CARNEIRO LOYALISTS MENERES PIMENTEL AND AMANDIO DE AZEVEDO WERE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION AND SECRETARY GENERAL RESPECTIVELY.

2. PSD OPPOSITION STRATEGY IN THE ASSEMBLY -- SCHEDULED TO RECONVENE IN OCTOBER -- WILL REFLECT THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF SA CARNIERO'S APPROACH TO OPPOSITION POLITICS AS DEVELOPED SINCE THE OPPORTO NATIONAL CONGRESS IN LATE JANUARY; I.E.:
-- FIRM OPPOSITION TO THE PS/CDS GOVERNMENT AND CONTINUED CALLS FOR A PS/PSD/CDS GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL SALVATION;"
--CONTINUED DEMANDS THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION BE DISESTABLISHED IN 1980; AND
--PREPARATION FOR EXTENSIVE REVISIONS -- "DEMARXIFICATION" -- OF THE 1976 CONSTITUTION.

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3. COMMENT: SA CARNEIRO HAS REGAINED POLICY CONTROL OF PORTUGAL'S SECOND LARGEST PARTY. FORMER NATIONAL POLTICAL COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SOUSA FRANCO AND SECRETARY-GENERAL SERVULO CORREIA HAVE AS EXPECTED SUFFERED A MAJOR SETBACK. SERIOUS INTERNAL DIVISIONS IN THE PARTY REMAIN, BUT THE NEW SA CARNEIRO LEADERSHIP WILL UNQUESTIONABLY PRESENT THE PS/CDS GOVERNMENT WITH A MORE BOMBASTIC CHALLENGE IN THE

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